

HONORING MIKE CHESNICK

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with immense sadness that I take this moment to honor the remarkable life of Mike Chesnick. For two decades, Mike served the community of Grand Junction, Colorado with valor and distinction, retiring as Chief of Police in 1974. He was a role model for his community and an example of what a police officer can and should strive to be. As family, friends, and fellow officers remember this great American, I would like to take this time to honor this truly remarkable human being.

Chief Chesnick began his distinguished career of service to America when he joined the 10th Mountain Division in 1946, where he served in Italy and Austria during WWII. After returning a proud veteran and serving his county well, he began his illustrious career in law enforcement. In 1954 he joined the Grand Junction Police Department as a patrolman. His remarkable intellect and outstanding leadership abilities rapidly shot him up the ranks of the department. In 1961, he was promoted to Sergeant and in 1966 he began his role as Chief.

Chief Chesnick's leadership was well respected and inspired other officers under his leadership to serve with dedication, dignity and integrity. Beyond his widely regarded efforts as a police officer, Mike also worked with a number of other community based organizations, including the local Elk's Lodge where he was a lifetime member.

Chief Chesnick served his community, State, and Nation admirably and he his service at home and abroad was an inspiration to us all. Mr. Speaker, as a former police officer, I ask that we take this time to honor an individual that has set the standard for excellence as a member of the law enforcement community. On behalf of the State of Colorado and the US Congress, I would like to thank Chief Chesnick for his immeasurable service to his community. His leadership and compassion went far beyond the line of duty and his memory will long live in the hearts of all that knew him.

Mike Chesnick will be greatly missed.

RECOGNITION OF JAMES G. MILLS,
NEWLY ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF
THE BOARD FOR THE NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL
CREDIT UNIONS

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to reorganize James G. Mills of Fort Wayne, Indiana in my district for his recent election as chairman of the board for the National Association of Federal Credit Unions. Mr. Mills was elected on June 17, 2000 and officially took over in late July.

In 1985, Mr. Mills joined Three Rivers Federal Credit Union as president and chief executive officer. Three Rivers provides important

options for my constituents and as such has been an asset to Northeast Indiana. Between 1985 and 1995, the number of branches increased from one to eight with the number of membership soared from 15,000 to 65,000 plus.

Along the way, Mr. Mills worked to promote the growth of the community as well as the Credit Union. In 1995, Three Rivers FCU was able to secure Indiana's first Community Development Credit Union Expansion Charter to open the field of membership and provide financial services to less served parts of the community. This innovation was the result of his near two-years of work with local city officials, the economic development offices of Fort Wayne, and the National Credit Union Administration. Most recently, Mr. Mills facilitate an initiative in the areas of inner city financial literacy training for an under-served group that also happens to be a new part of the FCU's field of membership. I strongly commend him for his efforts to empower those who are less economically advantaged through knowledge and the broadening of financial services.

In the role of Chairman of NAFCU, Mr. Mills will be lending the trade association that represent federal credit unions. I look forward to working with him and America's credit unions as we work to benefit families and communities, and congratulate him on this national recognition.

IN HONOR OF COLETTE KOVE
NEWLY ELECTED SUPREME
PRESIDENT OF THE WOMEN'S
AUXILIARY TO THE MILITARY
ORDER OF THE COOTIE

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the accomplishments of one of my district's favorite daughters. Colette Kove is a graduate of Utica High School, wife of William Kove, mother of five, grandmother of thirteen, and great-grandmother of six. On Saturday, September 30th, her friends and family gathered to honor her dedication to our veterans—especially her leadership in the Women's Auxiliary of the VFW and the Military Order of the Cootie (MOCA).

Colette first joined the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW in 1960, but left to spend the next 18 years traveling with her children in the Drum and Bugle Corps. She returned in 1980 to the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post #1146 in St. Clair Shores. She took the group by storm serving as Auxiliary President, County Council President, 5th District President, and has served as Secretary of the Auxiliary for the past 18 years.

In 1981, she joined the Womens' Auxiliary to the Military Order of the Cootie #35. Since then, she has held the position of President ten times and has served in all offices in the Grand of Michigan (state) MOCA. In 1995, at the MCOA National Convention in Arizona, Colette was elected Supreme Guard, and has served all offices leading to President. Just this past August, she was elected to that highest position and today serves as the Supreme President of the MOCA for the entire United States.

I am honored to be asked to participate in this program. Supreme President Kove has worked hard all her life for the benefit of others. As a small business owner, volunteer at the John Dingel VA Medical Center in Detroit and nursing home visitor, she has always been there to service the needs of others. Her rise through the ranks of both the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW and the MOCA shows her remarkable sense of dedication and the great amount of respect others have for her.

Please join me in congratulating Colette Kove on her election as Supreme President of the Women's Auxiliary to the Military Order of the Cootie.

THOMASENA AND EUGENE
GRIGSBY ART GALLERY

HON. WILLIAM (BILL) CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincerest congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. J. Eugene Grigsby on the occasion of the dedication of the Thomasena and Eugene Grigsby Art Gallery in Phoenix, Arizona.

This is an honor which Thomasena and Eugene richly deserve for they have been lifelong supporters and contributors to the field of art. Together they have made innumerable contributions to the arts community. I am pleased that under the sponsorship of the George Washington Carver Museum Dr. Grigsby's first art studio in Phoenix, Arizona has been dedicated in their honor. The Grigsby Art Gallery will serve as a permanent facility for the exhibit of creative works, by present and future artists.

Among their many projects, the Grigsbys helped to establish the Hewitt collection of African American art. I recently had the opportunity to view this collection on exhibit in St. Louis. It is a marvelous collection which I highly recommend and which I was happy to find includes some of Gene Grigsby's own works of art.

I commend Dr. and Mrs. Grigsby for their many years of devotion to artistic endeavors. Their contributions will benefit and inspire future generations of artists. My heartfelt best wishes to Gene and Tommy on this momentous occasion.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN MIKE
McKEVITT

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise to honor the life of the Honorable James D. "Mike" McKevitt. Congressman McKevitt recently passed away after a sudden heart attack at the age of 71. His devotion to helping others was remarkable and he will be greatly missed. As family, friends, and colleagues mourn the loss of this remarkable statesman, I would like to pay honor to his service to this great nation.

Congressman McKevitt spent his youth in Spokane, Washington, before deciding to attend the University of Idaho. When it came